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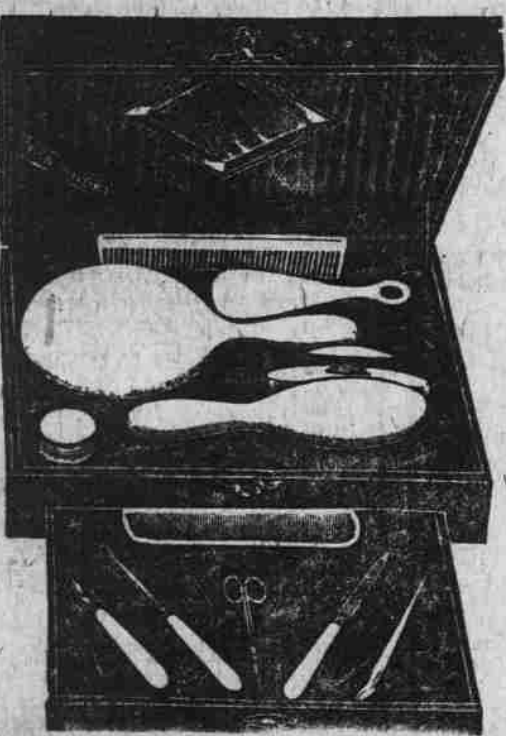
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OPEN EVENINGS TO CHRISTMAS

HOUSE PASSES "DRY BILL" BY 282-128 VOTE

Extends to Seven Years Time Limit for Ratification of Dry Resolution, So the Senate, Which Made a Six-Year Limit, Will Be Asked to Concur Today—Votes to Spare for Measure—Col. Bryan on Hand During Long Debate and at Demonstration Following Vote—Advocates of States' Rights in Opposition.

Washington, Dec. 18.—By a vote of 282 to 128—more than the necessary two-thirds—the House of Representatives passed yesterday the resolution to submit to the states an amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for national prohibition.

The resolution goes to the Senate today, when Senator Sheppard will ask that body to concur in the House amendments to the measure. It is considered certain the upper branch will acquiesce.

When the Senate passed the Prohibition resolution, on Aug. 1, 1916, the period given to the states for ratification was six years. The House amendment makes the time limit seven years. It is to agree to this change that the Senate will be asked to act today.

A great demonstration followed the announcement of the vote in the House. Advocates of temperance on the floor and in the galleries yelled and applauded. As the storm of rejoicing began, William Jennings Bryan entered the hall. Representative Webb, who led the hosts of the total abstinence, arose and gave the former Secretary of State his seat.

Col. Bryan Was Busy

Mr. Bryan had worked hard during the day, wearing a smile that could not be effaced. He was confident but taking no chances. He checked up the debaters and sent out final hurrahs for those who might become absentees. He did not leave his post until the final announcement gave him a respite.

Six hours of speeches preceded the vote. Comparatively few members

were in their seats until the hour for voting approached. It was evident no converts could be made by oratory and that all had made up their minds in advance. The galleries were filled to capacity.

The old doctrine of states' rights loomed up big as a text for the discussion. A committee amendment was adopted giving the Federal government and the states' concurrent jurisdiction in enforcing the new condition of affairs when created. This doubtless satisfied the conscience of many a hidebound States' Rights man, and its insertion paved the way to success.

Although nation-wide interest centered in the House, there was little of excitement or display. No banners were hung to the wall and badges were not worn. The scene was calm and dispassionate. Contrary to expectations and precedent, men and not women predominated in all the galleries, and there was an absence of color that usually is a feature on such occasions.

States to Have Concurrent Power. The debate ran from 11:30 a. m. until 4:58 p. m., and 5 o'clock had been set to begin voting on the resolution and all amendments.

CONGRESSMEN OF CONN. AGAINST DRY AMENDMENT

All the Connecticut delegation in the House voted against the adoption of the Prohibition amendment.

CONGRESSMAN LONERGAN'S BILL TO INCLUDE SLACKERS FROM ARMIES OF ALIEN COUNTRIES

Congressman Lonergan of the First District, called today at the State Department, and discussed with officials there the status of the negotiations in regard to including in the draft the citizens of alien countries. Lonergan has been one of the pioneers in endeavoring to have an alien slacker bill passed, as except for Arizona, Connecticut has the largest alien population in the United States, according to government figures. Declaration of war on Austria has tended to bring the whole subject again to the fore.

The situation, as the Congressman found it, may be stated as follows as authentic from the State department:

"At the instance of some of the co-belligerents of the United States in Europe who have a large number of their citizens or subjects in the United States, the State Department took under consideration the advisability of entering into agreements with the Allied countries for the purpose of subjecting the citizens or subjects of the Allied countries to compulsory military service in the country of their residence. Early in September the State Department prepared a proposal to be made to the co-belligerents on this subject, and after informal discussion submitted it to the governments of each of the Allies for their consideration. Congress had under consideration at the same time certain bills for the conscription of non-declarant aliens in the United States, declarant aliens being covered by the Selective Draft Act of May 18, 1917. Hearings were had on these bills by the Committee on Military Affairs of the House, at which the Secretary of State and the Counselor of the State Department appeared. It was pointed out by the Secretary of State that agreements more satisfactory to the Allies, which would take into consideration their individual views and desires, might be negotiated to attain the same object as the bills pending in Congress. Consequently the committee deemed it advisable to postpone consideration of the bills for the present, pending the result of negotiation with the co-belligerent countries.

"These negotiations have been proceeding with all possible speed, but as it is likely in time of war, unforeseen incidents have retarded negotiations with some countries. For example, the revolution in Russia made it necessary to postpone all negotiations in regard to that country; in the second place the cabinet crisis in Italy and subsequent military operations of the enemy have so pre-occupied that country that negotiations have been greatly retarded. In other quarters, however, negotiations have been progressing favorably. On account of the Act of Parliament passed in July, the American proposal to Great Britain had to be modified to conform in certain respects to that Act. A draft agreement in harmony with that act is now receiving consideration of both governments, and it is expected that the agreement will be concluded during the present week. With a signed agreement between the United States and Great Britain as a model, it is expected no difficulty will be had in reaching a similar agreement with France and probably with Italy.

"While these negotiations have been

progressing with the great Powers, the smaller belligerents have, in many instances, indicated a desire to sign immediately an agreement which, in principle, followed the lines of the original American proposal.

"Considerable attention has been paid to obtaining, as soon as possible, uniform agreements with the various belligerents in as much as the administration of such agreements in the United States would be greatly facilitated thereby. The difficulty of enforcing our own Draft Act through local exemption boards has shown the difficulties of enforcing in the United States a different kind of agreement with each of the co-belligerents, now fourteen in number. It is necessary therefore, in the interest of good administration and to facilitate their execution, that the agreements with the belligerents be as nearly alike, at least in principle, as possible."

Lonergan has impressed on the minds of State Department officials the fact that correction of the inequalities of the Draft Act insofar as the alien slacker problem affects Connecticut is the most important problem of the government in Connecticut today.

MECHANICS LEAVE ARMY

Thirty skilled workmen, about 10 belonging in this city, will be dropped from the ranks of the 304th Infantry, and returned to their places in munitions plants or factories working on government orders. Notice of the discharge of these men had not been received by the local boards today. They will, however, supply one man for each man returned from camp.

MRS. N. D. SPERRY DEAD

New Haven, Dec. 18.—Word was received here yesterday of the death in Boston of Mrs. Nehemiah D. Sperry, widow of former Congressman Sperry of the old Second district. Funeral services were held here this afternoon, the Rev. Dr. Watson L. Phillips of Shelton, officiating.

ALMANAC FOR TODAY

Sun rises	7:15 a. m.
Sun sets	4:26 p. m.
High water	1:31 p. m.
Moon sets	9:30 p. m.
Low water	8:01 p. m.

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Women's Bathrobes of good quality bathrobe material. Floral and Indian designs

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Women's Waists of plain colored and fancy wash silks. Hemstitched and embroidered collars

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Tie clasps—gold top—fancy engraved patterns

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Military brushes—Ebony finish and real ebony backs, set with fine quality bristles

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\$1.00—\$1.50—\$2.00

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Bath Robes	\$5 to \$12
Raincoats	\$5 to \$30
Fur Caps	\$5 to \$7
Fur lined Gloves	\$4 to \$7
Dress Gloves	\$2 to \$5
Woolen Gloves	50c to \$2
Dress Shirts	\$1.50 to \$5
French Cuff Shirts	\$1 to \$8
Sweaters	\$4 to \$10
Umbrellas	\$1.50 to \$5
Suit Cases	\$5 to \$10
Cans	50c to \$3
All Leather Travel Bags	\$5 to \$20
Flannel Pajamas and Night Robes	\$1 to \$3

FOR BOYS

Mackinaw Coats	\$5 to \$12
Suits and Overcoats	\$5 to \$15
Sweaters, all styles and sizes	\$4 to \$6.50
Gloves	50c to \$1.50
Gauntlet Gloves	50c, 75c
Caps	50c to \$1
Neckwear	25c
Hosiery	30c to 50c
Shirts	75c to \$2.50
Blouse Waists	65c to \$1
Handkerchiefs	10c and 25c
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